

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-9, 11-20, 22-24, 26, 28-30 and 33-49 are currently pending.
- Claims 38-48 are canceled herein.
- Claims 1, 9, and 20 are amended herein.

### **Allowed Claims**

The Office Action indicates that claims 29 and 33 are allowable. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 29 and 33. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

### **Cited Documents**

The following documents have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- **Pitkow:** Pitkow, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,457,028
- **Holbrook:** Holbrook, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0152222
- **Ikeda:** Ikeda, U.S. Patent No. 6,564,206
- **Grayson:** Grayson, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0031246

**Claims 1-9, 11-15, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 28 and 38-48 are Non-Obvious Over**

**Pitkow and Holbrook further in view of Ikeda**

Claims 1-9, 11-15, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 28 and 38-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Pitkow and Holbrook further in view

of Ikeda. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments presented herein. Independent claims 1 and 20 are amended to include allowable subject matter from claim 29. Independent claims 38 and 44 are canceled.

**Dependent Claims 2-9, 11-15, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, and 28**

Claims 2-9, 11-15, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, and 28 ultimately depend from independent claims 1 or 20. As discussed above, claims 1 and 20 are allowable over the cited documents. Therefore, claims 2-9, 11-15, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, and 28 are also allowable over the cited documents of record for at least their dependency from an allowable base claim, and also for the additional features that each recites. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the 103 rejection of claims 2-9, 11-15, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, and 28.

**Claims 16 and 17 are Non-Obvious Over Pitkow, Holbrook and Ikeda further in view of Grayson**

Claims 16-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Pitkow, Holbrook and Ikeda further in view of Grayson. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

**Dependent Claims 16 and 17**

Claims 16 and 17 ultimately depend from independent claim 1. As discussed above, claim 1 is allowable over the combination of Pitkow, Holbrook, and Ikeda. Grayson is cited for its alleged teaching of the claims 16 and 17. However, Grayson fail to remedy the deficiencies of Pitkow, Holbrook, and Ikeda as noted above with regard to

independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 16 and 17 are also allowable over the cited documents of record for at least their dependency from an allowable base claim, and also for the additional features that each recites. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the 103 rejection of claims 16 and 17.

## **Conclusion**

For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application.

The amendments and remarks presented herein are responsive to the new grounds of rejection, and therefore, could not have been presented earlier.

If any issues remain that would prevent allowance of this application, **Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative before issuing a subsequent Action.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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